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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replace all prior version and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) Printing machine, comprising:

at least one print head (30) for releasing ink droplets (32);

a table (10) for supporting a substrate (20) having a receiving surface (21) for receiving ink droplets (32) from the at least one print head (30);

moving means for moving the at least one print head (30) and the table (10) with respect to each other; and

covering means (40) for covering at least a portion of the table (10), which are provided with at least one hole (41) for letting through the at least one print head (30),

wherein the number of holes (41) in the covering means (40) for letting through the print heads (30) is smaller than the number of print heads (30);

wherein the covering means (40) and the print heads (30) are movably arranged with respect to each other;

wherein the covering means comprise a rollable sheet (40); and wherein rotatably arranged rollers (42) are provided for reeling two opposite sides of the sheet (40).

(Original) Printing machine according to claim 4, wherein the covering means
(40) are arranged such as to encompass the at least one print head (30).

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 (Previously presented) Printing machine according to claim 4, wherein the covering means (40) are attached to the at least one print head (30).

- (Canceled).
- 8. (Canceled).
- (Previously presented) Printing machine according to claim 4, comprising supplying means (51) for supplying vapour to a space (50) which is present between the covering means (40) and the table (10).
- (Previously presented) Printing machine according to claim 4, comprising extracting means (52) for extracting vapour from a space (50) which is present between the covering means (40) and the table (10).